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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC SERVICE MEDALS

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1. IN PREPARING SMALL PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR FOUR BELGIANS CITED FOR SUBJECT AWARD, EMBASSY WAS IN TOUCH WITH ORGANIZATION CALLED "BELGIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS" (EXANTAR). THEY HAVE SUPPLIED US WITH THE FOLLOWING LISTS OF BELGIANS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED EITHER AS EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS OR BELGIAN OBSERVERS WITH AMERICAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS:

A. BELGIAN OBSERVERS...
1957 - GEORGES VALCKE, WATERLOO
1958 - CAPITAINE DE FREGATE HERVE HUTSE, OOSTENDE
1959 - ROBERT DARTEVELLE, BRUXELLES
1960 - JEAN-PAUL VAN BELLINGHEN, CHEF DE CABINENT DU MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES, BRUXELLES.
1961 - BARON GASTON DE GERLACHE DE GOMERY, MULLEM
1962 - S.A.S.LEPRINCE ANTOINE DE LIGNE, BELOEIL
1963 - TONY VAN AUTENBOER, MECHELEN
1964 - LT. COLONEL AVIATEUR LEON BRANDERS, BRUXELLES
1965 - ALFRED VAN DER ESSEN, BRUXELLES
1966 - XAVIER DE MAERE D'AERTRYCKE, KRAAINEM
1967 - R. LION, AMBASSADEUR DE BELGIQUE A BUENOS AIRES
1968 - BARON SCHEYVEN, BRUXELLES
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1970 - PROFESSEUR F. GULLENTROPS, LEUVEN

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1972 - BERNARD DE GERLACHE DE GOMERY, BRUXELLES

B. EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS...
1962 - PROFESSEUR EDGAR PICCIOTTO, BRUXELLES
-PROFESSEUR WILLIAM DE BREUCK, BLANKENBERGE
1966 - PROFESSEUR EDGAR PICCIOTTO
1967 - PROFESSEUR EDGAR PICCIOTTO
- PROFESSEUR WILLIAM DE BREUCK
1969 - LEON LAMBRECHT, LIEGE
1970 - ETIENNE PAULISSEN, HEVERLEE
- ROLAND PAEPE, ST. LIEVENS-ESSEN
1971 - HUGO DCLEIR, WONDELGEM

2. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANTARCTIC SERVICE MEDALS. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING HAS ALREADY RECEIVED MEDALS. IN ADDITION, WE NOTE THAT TWO OF THE FOUR NAMES FOR WHOM MEDALS WERE TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOLLOWING REFAIR ARE NOT FOUND ON THE EXANTAR LISTS. IF THEY ARE ALL ELIGIBLE, HOWEVER, WE URGE THAT THEY ALL BE AWARDED THE MEDAL AT THE SAME TIME, ESPECIALLY SINCE REFAIR SAYS THIS IS TO BE A ONE-TIME ONLY EFFORT TO DISTRIBUTE RETROACTIVELY MEDALS TO PAST PARTICIPANTS. IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR US TO SINGLE OUT ONLY A FEW IN AN APPARENTLY HAPHAZARD MANNER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER ADDITIONAL MEDALS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED, AND PROVIDE THE NUMBER REQUIRED,ALONG WITH CERTIFICATES.
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